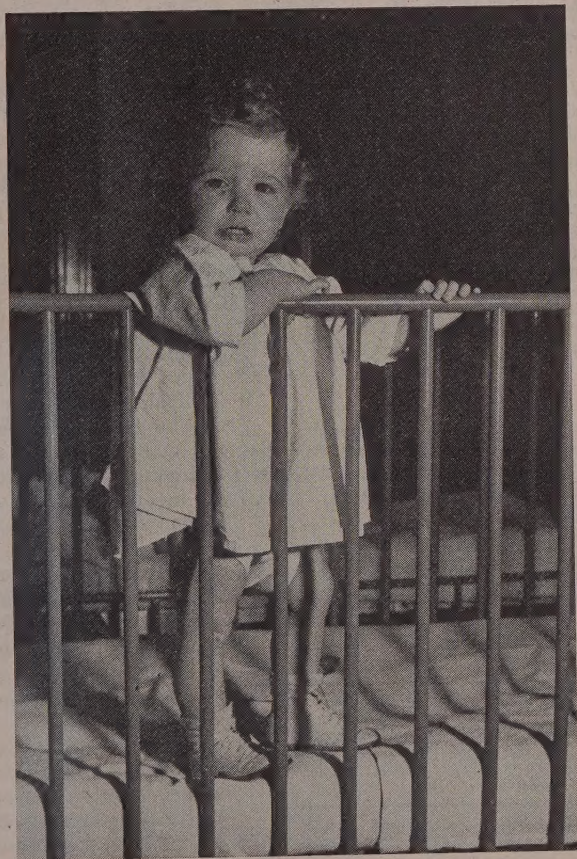


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CHORUS OF CALLS!

By DR. H. D. HOOVER, President of the
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HUNDREDS of congregations are in need of skilled workers for school and parish.

Scores of institutions of the church must have specially prepared workers.

Many communities are seeking for capable persons fitted to care for the helpless, homeless and hopeless.

Neglected, delinquent and needy children make their pathetic appeal for guidance and companionship.

Christ is calling young women to prepare themselves to meet these needs by a ministry of light, love and life.

Only persons of patience, devotion, skill, insight, ingenuity, specialized training, faith and love can answer these calls. These are calls for women.

Such needs have been met in a remarkable way by consecrated deaconesses prepared for their specific tasks by the Motherhouse Training Schools of the Church.

The homes of the church have an adequate number of capable young women who could answer Christ's call to meet the urgent needs of children, community and church.

When the church will furnish the candidates and provide adequately for its training schools she will have a supply of Deaconesses that will enable her to fulfill Christ's commission

to teach all nations,
to set at liberty them that are bound,
to heal the sick,
to seek the lost,
to visit the lonely,
to bring little children to Him,
to comfort the sorrowing—
to mediate the blessings of salvation given for the healing and abundant living of all His people.

Supply the candidates!

Support our Training Schools!

Sustain the Deaconesses.

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New Houses for Old

SOME years ago a prominent educator of Virginia cited a statement made by *The Richmond Examiner* in an issue closely following the end of the War between the States. It read, as nearly as our memory recalls, "If the conflict in which we have been engaged solves the problems of human slavery, the expenditure of blood and treasure will not have been in vain." No one would choose war as the agency by which to destroy errors in government and injustice among peoples, but its effects, like those that often follow the storms of nature, provide the opportunities for forming new and more comfortable human relations.

In direct illustration of the betterment of conditions for which extensive plans have been made is the rebuilding program which is in the future of bombed areas in war-attacked cities. It is reported of London that its worst sections, in so far as sanitation, living space, and morality are concerned, will be radically changed by improved housing facilities. Probably no property which was reduced to ashes or rubbish will be restored to its former state unless sentiment and tradition make it an exception to the rule. One has hopes for the crowded centers.

In the United States and Canada the necessity of rebuilding destroyed areas will not confront us of the post-war period, but it can reasonably be expected that the millions who have suffered the inconveniences of temporary existence during the emergency will demand and get the best known forms of homes. The social ills uncovered by a war economy should not be obscured and permitted to return. The one room to a family habitation, the lack of modern sanitary equipment, the failure to have space for domestic privacy should not return.

THE CHURCH

IN THE NEWS

By G. Elson Ruff

Lutherans look ahead

By request of the Missouri Synod, an "exploratory meeting" on joint post-war relief will be held in Detroit on June 14 by the American Section executive committee of the Lutheran



World Convention and official representatives of the Missouri Synod.

Missouri spokesmen have asked that an arrangement be worked

out whereby the two groups can co-operate in the task of post-war rehabilitation and relief.

The American Section executive committee members are Dr. F. H. Knubel, Dr. Ralph H. Long, Dr. A. R. Wentz, and Dr. J. A. Aasgaard. Three associate members were recently named: Dr. Theodore G. Tappert, Dr. P. O. Bersell, and Dr. John Wargelin. A fourth is also to be named.

Methodists do not regret

By a vote of 104 to 102, the New York East Conference of the Methodist Church voted not to express regret regarding action of the Methodist General Conference on support of the war.

The Conference consists of 282 churches in eastern Manhattan, Long Island, and part of lower Connecticut.

Commented the *Living Church*, Episcopal periodical, regarding the Methodist General Conference action: "It is unfortunate that such an intellectually absurd statement as 'God has at stake in the present struggle' should receive the assent of a majority of a church convention.

"God succeeded in surviving the

Assyrian and Babylonian Empires, the ravages of Attila, and many another catastrophe which must have seemed to those who were going through it the absolute end of His influence on earth. If the Allied Nations were to be decisively defeated, He would still be able to manage.

"No, the reason why we are at war is not to help God, but to help ourselves. Let us pray that God will help us, and that we shall be worthy of being helped."

Baptists disagree

"God has a stake in this war," the Baptists also declared, in a resolution presented by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, adopted by the Northern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City, May 25. That evening Dr. Poling went home. Next day Baptists voted three to one to take out the "God has a stake" phrase.

President Roosevelt wired Dr. Poling commendations on his wartime ministry.

New conference on peace

A CONFERENCE of official representatives of the Protestant churches of the United States, tentatively arranged for January 16-19, is being called by the Federal Council of Churches' Commission on a Just and Durable Peace.

Concrete problems resulting from the international situation are to be faced in this conference, which is to be patterned after the study conference held in Delaware, Ohio, in March 1942. The purpose is to "clarify the mind of the Protestant churches in the United States regarding the moral, political, and economic foundations of an enduring peace."

IN THE WORLD'S EYE

By Julius F. Seebach

At the End of 1939 there were 3,973 freshmen enrolled in the Dutch universities; this year there were 378 during the last term, according to the report of the Netherlands Information Bureau. The reduction of more than nine-tenths is no indication of indifference to education on the part of Holland's youth; rather it is a measure of their national loyalty, since it is due to a refusal of prospective students to sign "a declaration of obedience" to Hitler and the Nazi regime. Instead of going to college, the would-be students have gone into hiding from labor drafts and concentration camps.

Falange Nacional, a political party of young Catholics, sounds a note that is hopeful for the political and religious future of Chile. It has taken up the cudgels in defense of Jacques Maritain, the noted Catholic scholar, against the denunciations by a prominent priest, Luis Perez, of that scholar's philosophical, theological and political ideas as heretical. These Falangists (not to be confused with the Spanish brand of totalitarians), who are thoroughly liberal, criticize in the person of the priest "those reactionaries within the Roman Catholic Church who attack Maritain because of his stand on democracy and social justice." Perez has been attacking the *Falange Nacional* in the Church's daily, *Diario Ilustrado*, which paper refuses space for any replies. Consequently the Falangists use the left-wing dailies.

The Main reason for the comparative scarcity of Japanese prisoners of war lies in the ancient national tradition that those who surrender to the enemy

have not only disgraced themselves but have also degraded their families and the whole line of their ancestors. Therefore there is no place for them in Japan. The Japanese authorities have been exercising that rule in the present conflict. They ignore all prisoner lists forwarded by the United Nations, and have definitely forbidden the Red Cross units to distribute to Japanese war-captives any of the periodic parcels sent to any of their civilian internees in Allied countries. That raises the very practical question of what can be done with our Japanese prisoners of war under post-war conditions. There will be no place for these "men without a country" to go. Just another reason for destroying the present regime and its inhuman ideas.

Word from Switzerland brings the following welcome news to the western world: "Pastor Niemoeller's health is good and his detention less strict. He has been given a bed instead of the pallet which was his only couch until recently. He is interned with five Roman Catholic churchmen. Intercession on his behalf continues in his church at Dahlem. His wife is allowed to visit him every fortnight. He is greatly saddened by the news that his younger son is suffering from tuberculosis."

A Recent issue of the *Times-Picayune* of New Orleans, a journal whose personal columns are frequently used by devout Catholics to advertise their gratitude to their patron saints for benefits bestowed, carried the following intriguing acknowledgment: "Thanks to St. Jude and Huey Long for favors received."

THE TIME IS NOW

Needs for the Diaconate a Challenge

By SISTER MARTHA HANSEN



Children's Needs Have First Attention

PERHAPS at no time in the history of the American Diaconate have there been so many and varied opportunities for deaconess service as now, and perhaps at no other time have the two Deaconess Schools of the United Lutheran Church been so challenged by the Church at large to meet the ever-growing need of service and leadership such as trained Christian women can render. The Board of Deaconess Work is fully aware of the needs, and recognizes its responsibility to the Church, as do the two Motherhouses charged with the training of young women who serve as deaconesses and as non-garbed workers. Much thought has been given to improve the two schools from time to time. Many changes have been made

to date and others are being planned to meet the changing needs within the Church. It is the aim of each Motherhouse to send into the various fields of service well-qualified workers.

Calls from Across the Sea

While calls for deaconess service come from all parts of the United States, they also come from Puerto Rico, Argentina, and other parts of the world. Puerto Rico already has two deaconesses. They are engaged in kindergarten and general parish work. In addition, they are called upon to be organists and choir directors and to translate the Sunday school literature into Spanish. The Virgin Islands has three deaconesses, and they are en-

aged in work among children. The Argentine Mission field so far has none; but several requests for deaconess service have come to the Deaconess Board during the past several years.

Calls from the Homeland

From pastors in parishes, from superintendents of institutions and other welfare agencies of our Church, from directors of Settlement Houses and from the National Lutheran Council and other fields have come urgent pleas for either deaconesses or non-garbed

We are deeply concerned because so much that should be done is left undone, and must continue to be left undone, for the simple reason that a limited number of workers are trying to do the work others, not now available, should be doing.

The pastors asking for the assistance of deaconesses or other women having similar training are seeing the need for additional leadership in their parishes. They realize that women can render valuable service in the field of Christian education of children and young people,



Uncle Sam's Boys and Sister Adele at Tampa Service Center

women workers for their respective fields. We have on file at both Motherhouses many such applications, and they continue to come. Those of us who have been engaged in the work of the Church for some time, and others who have recently begun, see the needs as great opportunities for women who are eager to witness to the compassionate love of Christ in their hearts through a life of service to humanity.

in the work of various organizations, and in parish visitation. Every parish is an open door.

The Church has entrusted its aged and its children in need of a home to the various institutions operated and supported by synods. These homes of the Church are calling for help. They need Christian women trained for this service.

The Settlement Houses located in the

more or less blighted areas of our large cities are reaching the unchurched, the underprivileged, the neglected race groups, and often the strangers in our land. Looking at it from the trained social worker's point of view this field suffers for want of fully prepared deaconesses or non-garbed women workers to assist in its program. This mission has endless opportunities for young women having special aptitude for this type of work.

The Social Welfare Agencies of the Church at work in many of our cities are attempting to meet the spiritual needs of the physically and mentally handicapped in hospitals and state institutions, to aid the families in need of material or other help, to guide the delinquent into a better way of life and to be generally helpful to as many people as possible. The calls from these fields are for women workers with Christian and social service preparation.

The Work in Defense Areas, one phase of activity sponsored by the National Lutheran Council, has opened another door for service to be rendered by women. While many have responded—the majority from other Lutheran bodies—there is still a need for more workers. Women who are prepared for community social service and parish work are the ones needed for this particular field. Although the work needed in these communities is only temporary, or for “the duration,” a similar program will most likely have to be continued in the post-war reconstruction period. This situation indicates that we must continue to prepare women, for some time to come, for this special service.

Responsibility to Those Who Answer the Call

The Philadelphia Motherhouse specializes in the preparation of deaconesses for the nursing profession and

for key positions in the hospitals on the same grounds, the Lankenau and the Children's Hospitals; and for other institutional work.

The Baltimore Motherhouse specializes in the preparation of deaconesses and non-garbed women for parish and church social work and for the field of Religious Education.

Both Motherhouses receive calls for the service of deaconesses, who need specialized training in order to qualify for the service they would be expected to render. In order to meet these needs deaconesses are given the opportunity for such training in graduate or professional schools. But the calls that continue to go unanswered are the ones that give us grave concern. We are praying for others to come and help us.

The Church is conscious of this shortage in women power for the work here presented. The Church does not draft women into service, but it does place before the women the challenge of the Master, Who gave His all for others, to follow Him in the path of service. The Church has a mission to perform in the world, and that mission is to interpret love and to prove its effectiveness in our living.

The Church offers to young women who accept the challenge to a life of Christian service financial aid while going to college. This aid is provided by several synods and by synodical conferences of the Women's Missionary Society. Some of our Lutheran colleges are also offering aid through scholarships to young women preparing for the diaconate. This gives proof that the Church is eager and ready for help, not only its sons, but its daughters also, in their preparation for the great and important work of our beloved Church. We face the future with hope, and with anticipation look for the day when there shall be not only enough women, but adequately prepared women, who stand ready to meet the needs of the Church in the spirit of Jesus Christ.



WASHINGTON

BY OSCAR F. BLACKWELDER AND RALPH W. LOEW



NOW OR NEVER

REPORTS are current of study groups and planning sessions in Catholic circles in this city looking to international plans after hostilities cease. This marshalling of information, techniques and personnel is commendable, for it makes it possible for the church to move in without delay and to meet critical needs at once. At this time of the current Lutheran World Action appeal, we trust that our own denomination is making plans and securing similar talent. It is one of those compulsions which demand immediate action. And we do mean *immediate*. We've heard many thoughtful Lutheran laymen speaking of the possibilities which are before us to use the magnificent international opportunities provided in the Lutheran Church around the world to minister with skill and wisdom. Plans of such sort are never hatched over night. They require consecrated thinking and the building of bridges of fellowship that grow out of months and years of labor. Now is the time.

MEN ON THEIR KNEES

STANLEY JONES has come to town, and with his usual consecration and eager spirit has been telling men of his "magnificent obsession." There are meetings in churches and at Continental Hall. Speaking also on the programs are such stirring voices as Dr. Glenn Clark and Dr. Walter Judd. We were interested in some of the meetings which have been held with Senators and Representatives. There are many here whose hearts are heavy in these tense days and who want to find a way to handle

these overwhelming burdens. There are many consecrated Christians in Congress, men who not only have been praying with Stanley Jones this week, but who have been meeting regularly throughout the months. May their tribe increase.

THIS TOWN

ONE may get tired but never lack for stirring scenes in this town. . . . Somehow the more sordid has held the stage recently. . . . The Poll Tax debate, which gets dragged out every three years or so, has again done its political stunt in the Senate. . . . A lawyer is being tried for the murder of a doctor who was in the company of the lawyer's wife. Three jurors were excused: one woman who thought the lawyer shot the wrong person, the undertaker who buried the doctor and the man who installed the electric chair in the jail. . . . And the sedition trial, which has had a terrible time getting under way, produced the amazing spectacle of one of the defense attorneys asking the judge to disqualify himself because he is a New Dealer. The lawyer was fined for contempt after an extended hearing before another Judge, while the main trial waited. . . . A lady went to a movie with a taxi driver and left her baby in his cab. The baby cried so loud that the story made the front page. . . . A massage parlor was raided as a house of prostitution and the trial lasted long, every defendant being found guilty. . . . This paragraph could be continued far. . . . However, these items make "news" . . . the real folks are quietly carrying on with long hours.

WITH A MIND TO WORK

Pacific Synod's 1944 Convention "On the Way" Toward More Service

By EDWIN J. JOHNSON, Everett, Wash.

In the peaceful Willamette Valley lies the beautiful city of Salem, the capital of Oregon. One is impressed by its new, modern capitol building, broad streets, spacious lawns, healthy trees, homes and buildings of architectural beauty, and plenty of cafes with good food. It was to this fair city that pastors and delegates came for the forty-fourth annual convention of the Pacific Synod. It was held in the American Lutheran Church of which Mark A. Getzendaner, D.D., is the pastor, May 9 to 11.

All the brethren came to this convention with a two-fold conviction: the Church has a great opportunity to serve, and it rests with us and the people to accept the challenge and assume the responsibility. President John L. Sawyer of Eugene, Ore., opened the convention and conducted the sessions in an efficient manner. The keynote of the convention was sounded by the chaplain, the Rev. Stanley Holman, in three meditations on the Holy Trinity, "I Believe in God the Father, God the Son, our Saviour, and God the Holy Spirit," which were timely and helpful.

Dr. Reinartz, U. L. C. A. Representative

We were especially favored by the presence of F. Eppling Reinartz, D.D., Promotional Secretary of the United Lutheran Church, who served as the representative of the Executive Board of the U. L. C. A. His addresses on "Problems, Plans and Projects of the U. L. C. A." and "When Johnny Comes Marching Home" were timely, stimulating and challenging. The Communion sermon preached by Dr. Reinartz on Tuesday evening on "The Sense of Being Died For" was a masterpiece.

It was also gratifying to have Fred C.

Wiegman, D.D., president of Midland College and Western Seminary, who by his presence and addresses challenged the convention. Wednesday afternoon he brought an address on "Figs and Thistles," a unique way of saying, "Man in his carnal nature tries to get along without God," and many Christians have what Dr. Wiegman termed an "optimistic fatalism," that is, it doesn't matter what we sow, God will take care of everything. The true Church has held its ground, "hungering and thirsting after righteousness." Wednesday evening the ladies served a banquet, which was well attended, and Dr. Wiegman brought the address on "The Church Weighs the Balance."

Arthur M. Knudsen, D.D., divisional secretary of the Board of American Missions, was also present and gave helpful counsel. Mrs. Harry Bell, president of the synodical Women's Missionary Society, in her gracious way brought greetings. The Rev. L. Ludwig brought greetings from the Northwest District of the American Lutheran Church.

Officers of Synod

The Rev. John L. Sawyer, president; Walter I. Eck, D.D., secretary of synod for thirty-eight years, was re-elected. The Rev. T. A. Jansen was re-elected statistician, and Mr. Marvin C. Johnson was re-elected treasurer. Synod has grown numerically this past year, and we have tried to be good stewards. The benevolences nearly reached \$20,000, a gain of more than \$9,000 over the previous year.

The delegates to the U. L. C. A. convention are: the Rev. John L. Sawyer, the Rev. Fred T. Lucas, Mr. Ed. Blood and Mr. Marvin C. Johnson. *Alternates*

—the Rev. Stanley Holman, Mark A. Getzendaner, D.D., Mr. Gill Nordling and Mr. Henry H. Petershagen.

The President's Report

showed increased activity and responsibility. As a result of an action taken last year, synod made provision for a full-time president, by constitutional amendment and appropriation of funds. Thus the synod's vigor is shown.

Dr. Knudsen remarked that he came

with fourteen points for consideration by the convention, but before he could speak on them, thirteen had already been considered, further attesting to the missionary zeal of this synod. Synod will accept its apportioned benevolence program by the U. L. C. A., and hopes to be 100 per cent again; it will give a dollar per confirmed member to Midland College and Western Seminary, and it has already met its Lutheran World Action quota for 1944.

AFTER TEN YEARS

Indiana Synod Rejoices in Progress Made in Decade of Autonomy

By ROBERT H. HEINE

THE ninety-seventh annual convention of the Indiana Synod, meeting at St. Mark's Church, Indianapolis, R. H. Benting, D.D., pastor, celebrated the tenth anniversary of the present synodical alignment. It was in this same church just ten years before, lacking one week, that 51 congregations and 33 pastors from the northern half of the state united with the Indiana Synod after having been dismissed from the Michigan Synod. At the same time 21 congregations and 19 pastors located in Kentucky and Tennessee were dismissed from the Indiana Synod in order

to form the Kentucky-Tennessee Synod. Dr. H. E. Turney, president of the Indiana Synod during the ten-year period, pointed out in his report that from the end of 1934 to the end of 1943, the communing membership increased approximately 30 per cent. Benevolent contributions show a gain of 263 per cent. Six new congregations have been received into the synod: three were established as self-supporting congregations, and three were new missions.

The streamlined convention was opened with the Service of Holy Communion, with President H. E. Turney



St. Mark's Church, Indianapolis, in which the Indiana Synod met

preaching the sermon. This opening Service was held at 10.30 A. M., May 15, and the business sessions began at 1.30 P. M. This gave the convention a half day's jump on previous years, and made possible the adjournment by noon on Wednesday.

Officers Re-elected

The Rev. A. H. Keck, St. Paul's, Richmond, vice-president; the Rev. G. C. Goering, St. Luke's, Logansport, secretary; Mr. John F. Holaday, Richmond, treasurer.

A special committee on the election of delegates to the U. L. C. A. convention reported that there seems to be a trend toward electing the same delegation year after year, particularly the clerical representatives, and that the method of nominating clerical delegates by secret ballot consumed too much time. So synod voted to have the nominating done by committee, with the provision that an equal number of names be nominated from the floor. The new method of election almost backfired. Whereas in former years two or three "new" delegates have been sent to each U. L. C. A. convention, the list of delegates to the 1944 convention contains only one clerical delegate who has never before served in that capacity.

The U. L. C. A. convention delegates are President Turney, Secretary Goering, Dr. H. Grady Davis of the Chicago Seminary, Pastor R. H. Benting of Indianapolis, Pastor Paul H. Krauss of Ft. Wayne, Pastor Walter Wick of Middlebury, and Vice-president A. H. Keck. Lay delegates are Treasurer Holaday, W. O. Fiedler of Logansport, O. K. Jensen of Cicero, Ernest Lembke of Valparaiso, C. B. Nolting of Evansville, H. S. K. Bartholomew of Goshen, and J. Benjamin Roberts of Indianapolis.

Strategic Withdrawals

Dr. Conrad Bergendoff, president of Augustana College, Rock Island, Ill.,

presented the address at the Fellowship Dinner Tuesday evening. He spoke of the "harmful tendency in the Christian Church of making the Church a sort of monastery—a place apart, where you go out of the world, out of the realm of man's activities, out of the things that are making history—and join a little group that is segregated and isolated, and as far as possible protected from the world." This emphasis has led to what the speaker termed "a strategic withdrawal on the part of the church from the world in which we live." Dr. Bergendoff urged that we lead our capable and outstanding young men into the ministry, provide for them the best possible educational facilities and training, and that the Church be alive to the issues of the day, and willing to speak.

George W. Miley, D.D., president of the Ohio Synod, addressed the convention as the special representative of the U. L. C. A. The convention chaplain was the Rev. Frank L. Stevenson of the Spencerville Parish. Monday evening's Vesper Service was in charge of the Social Missions Committee of synod, which dramatized the work of Social Missions. Music was provided by the massed choirs of the Indianapolis congregations, under the leadership of Mr. Cole Watkins.

Synod's Chaplains

Fourteen pastors of the synod are serving as chaplains. Three of them, Chaplain L. T. Riley of the Great Lakes Naval Training School, Chaplain Arthur Mahr, who recently returned from Sicily, and Chaplain Paul W. Hanshew, who has been stationed in Ireland, addressed the convention.

The convention sent greetings and wishes for a speedy recovery to the Rev. J. D. Brosey of Elkhart, who had to miss his first convention of synod in fifty-three years. A remarkable record of one who has kept the faith in the Master's business!

Scripture Texts and Topics—

By J. WILLIAM McCAULEY

I John 4: 5—The Indwelling God

"It's no use waiting for your ship to come in unless you have sent one out." Too many folks expect cargoes of blessings when they have passed none on to others. The religion of Jesus is expansive. His love compels expression—by word and by life. If one truly believes "that Jesus is the Son of God" he will not be satisfied to hide this belief and its infinite significance as to the world's redemption. And with each outflow of the believing soul in confession and love there is a corresponding inflow of the divine Spirit into one's own being.

Luke 22: 32—Partnerships That Pay

"God divided man into men that they might help each other," said Seneca. Simon the fisherman helped his partners with their nets but his real usefulness began when he followed Christ and became a "fisher of men." Making a living for himself and family gave way to making life worth living for thousands of others. He became a multiplied man. On one dark night he denied his Lord and shrivelled into something less than a man, but when he "turned again"—which means conversion—this re-established disciple dedicated his rich talents to establishing in turn his "brethren."

Matthew 10: 32—Recognition in Heaven

DOROTHY DIX, in one of her practical chats, reminds "old people who are grumpy and set in their ways and who make fetishes of all their little habits and tastes, or who are whining and complaining or deadily dull and tiresome," that not even their own children are going to "get out a brass band to welcome them into their homes." On the other hand, a warm welcome from in-laws as well as from children awaits

all parents who are "broad-minded and cheerful and wise and kind."

II Corinthians 9: 6—Victory Gardens

MARGARET CLAYTON has written in the *Charlotte News*: "The miracle of life is again unveiled . . . as the diminutive green stems arch their way out of the soil," giving a thrill to the planter no less than that of "hearing a symphony orchestra or of reading an exquisite poem." In the garden of the soul as in that of the soil, sow not sparingly, for "he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully." Especially in the heart of a child during its springtime, sow the "good seed" of the Kingdom.

Acts 4: 29—Courage to Speak Thy Word

It is notable that so many of our soldiers from the ordinary walks of life have become heroic under fire. So from ordinary backgrounds have emerged heroes of the faith when tried by the fires of persecution. To fight back when attacked physically is natural, but to stand firm and overcome evil with spiritual weapons of truth and love, as did the crucified Jesus and His disciples, is heroism of a divine quality.

HEAVENLY FATHER, fill us continually with Thy Spirit, and grant us grace, we beseech Thee, that by our daily confession and service we may show forth Thy love and salvation. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Revelation 22: 1-7
I John 1: 5-10
Hebrews 13: 1-8
Luke 22: 24-31
Matthew 10: 16-24
II Corinthians 9: 6-12
Psalm 1: 1-6

NEW BOOKS—Mrs. Lathrop Visits the Library

It was too hot to hurry. I glanced at my watch. Five minutes until school was dismissed. I'd be there in time to meet Mark and Joan.

I reached the door just as the first avalanche swept out. I've never ceased to be amused at the way a quiet building suddenly erupts when the dismissal bell sounds. Mark and Joan—in fact, all the youngsters I know—love school. They are enthusiastic about all the activities and keenly interested in the things they are studying. But that doesn't keep them from bursting from the building as though they had been unexpectedly released from jail.

"Hi, Mom!" Mark spied me before I had a chance to sort him out from the crowd of boys. He grinned to show that the "mom" was not so much disrespect to me as for the benefit of the other boys. I crinkled my nose at him to show I understood but didn't care for it.

Funny how much talking families do without words. Shades of expression and tones of voice mean more than the most learned and explicit vocabulary.

Mark, and behind him Tommy Hartman and Sammy French, began to plow their way toward me. I moved down the steps ahead of them. I had no choice with that stampeding crowd of children pushing toward me. We took our stand in the shelter of some shrubbery. I kept my eye open for Joan.

When I finally found her, I had that same startled feeling I always have when I realize that that tall young thing is my baby. Ten years old and looking very self-possessed.

At sight of me and my surrounding cavaliers, her grown-up look vanished. With a little-girl hop, skip and jump she dashed toward us.

"Hello! Are we going some place?"

"I have to go to the library. I thought you might like to go along with me."

"Do I have to?" asked Mark. Then he remembered his manners. "I mean," he corrected himself, "I'd like to go with you and all that, but Tommy has a new airplane model his father brought him from the city and we were all going over there to work on it."

"All of you on one model?" I laughed.

"There are a lot of different parts," explained Tommy, "and we can sort of help put it together."

"I see. Well, it is certainly all right so far as I am concerned. I just didn't want you to come home and find me gone."

"I still have a book from the library, anyhow," said Mark. "I guess kid gloom will bawl me out when I do take it back."

I knew I should reprove him, but I decided to let it go till I could do it without laughing. His characterization of one of the librarians came too close to the truth for comfort. I ignored his remark and turned to Joan.

"Are you coming with me, Joan; or have you something planned?"

"Can Phyllis come?"

"Of course."

"I'll get her."

While the girls were deep in conversation, Mark and his friends continued to hover around me like some sort of convoy. We talked about this and that. Then I realized that I had been missing someone.

"Where is Skinny Ellis? I don't see him around today. Is he sick?"

The boys looked at one another. With one accord they turned their attention to the far distances. With much scuffling of feet they gazed up and down

the street. Apparently their friend's whereabouts was a clan secret. I let the subject drop.

Joan and Phyllis came back, and the boys sailed off on their bicycles, uttering blood-curdling yells.

The girls chattered happily. Only two more school days. Vacation school plans. The pressing problem of who should care for the science committee's rabbits over the summer. Their talk jumped from one thing to another.

The library was dim and cool after the heat of the street. The smell of fresh flowers mingled with the odor of books—new and old. The member of the staff to whom Mark had referred so disrespectfully as “kid gloom” was

not in evidence. Instead, my very good friend, Miss Swenson, greeted us.

“Have you seen the new religious books? They’ve just been put on the shelves.”

“I heard they were coming. I’ll take a look. I think it’s a grand idea for the library to stock the books all churches would like to read but that no one church wants to buy.”

“I don’t know why we didn’t do it before, unless it was because the churches didn’t ask for them.”

“And how attractively you’ve arranged them! It’s the sort of thing my husband has always wanted in some part of the church, but never seemed to find an available space.”

Implementing 1943's Joint Resolutions

Ministerium of Pennsylvania Provides Process for Installing Western Boundary Line

To implement the actions of the Ministerium adopted at the 1943 convention on the subject of intersynodical relations (see minutes, page 136, Items 1 and 2) and to keep faith with our brethren of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, your committee submits a five-point program and presents the following resolutions as a substitute for the resolutions of the Joint Commission on Intersynodical Relations, and moves their adoption at this convention.

1. Resolved—That the Ministerium of Pennsylvania will open no new work on the territory west of the approved line of demarcation between the synods (see minutes 1943—Page 136, Item 2) and will receive no congregation situated west of that line into the Ministerium.

2. Resolved—That the Ministerium of Pennsylvania urge all congregations and pastors situated west of the approved line of demarcation and now members of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania, to transfer, in the regular manner provided in the Constitution, to the Central Pennsylvania Synod.

3. Resolved—That a special commit-

tee of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania be appointed to promote this project and to help congregations to take the necessary steps toward their transfer to the Central Pennsylvania Synod.

4. Resolved—That the president of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania be instructed to prepare, in collaboration with the president of the Central Pennsylvania Synod, uniform application blanks for the transfer of pastors and congregations from one synod to the other; and that he be ready at all times to give the influence of his office to the promotion of this project of intersynodical realignment.

5. Resolved—That the Joint Commission on Intersynodical Relations be asked to formulate such procedures for the two synods as will make possible the exchange of congregations by transfer from one synod to the other in the most efficient manner.

ERNEST J. HOH, Chairman.

A. CHARLES R. KEITER.

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The Committee.

Across the Desk

WE foresee occasions between now and September 27 when the effects of paper rationing will be seriously depressing to the editor and his staff. If the ideal of size could govern our issues, the number of pages for each week would vary with the volume of news and the demands of advertisements. In parts of the year like these, when reports of the synods' annual conventions are available for publication, the number of pages would be more than thirty-two; in mid-summer and the pre-Lenten season, a smaller than the present size would suffice.

But the present obedience to rationing is not elastic as to weight. To retain the usual number of pages their size is reduced one half. "It is the war." We also dislike its effects.

COMPREHENSION PLEASE

AN important communication published in this issue is the report of the committee on the boundary line between the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and the Central Pennsylvania Synod. A clear understanding of what happened is very important.

First, it should be known that the report brought to the Central Penn Synod and the Ministerium of Pennsylvania was the "Uniform Report of the Joint Commission on Intersynodical Relations." To validate the agreement, both synods were expected to adopt it.

The Central Pennsylvania Synod adopted the report unanimously.

The Ministerium of Pennsylvania, after accepting the first item of the report, proceeded to the consideration of an amendment to its constitution, which operation of the report required. The amendment failed for lack of the two-thirds vote which was required:

246 voted *aye*, 137 voted *no*. Necessary for two-thirds, 264.

At this point adjournment for lunch interrupted proceedings. When the synod resumed consideration, the report was moved and carried to refer the report to a committee of five, whose report was made a special order for the next (a morning) session. The committee's report was presented and acted upon as a substitute for the Joint Committee's report. Acted upon item by item, each resolution and the report as a whole were adopted unanimously.

Some additional comments will follow in next week's issue.

ONE PRIEST'S ADVENTURE

THE extraordinary interest shown in everything in which Premier Stalin has a share was demonstrated recently, when a Roman Catholic priest from Springfield, Mass., reported that he had visited the great Russian in his capital. In a news story dated Moscow, May 6, one Father Orlemanski states that he had twice conferred with the Premier and had found him "very friendly disposed toward the Roman Catholic Church." (The immediate center of interest was the Polish Church.)

But apparently neither the Vatican nor the authorities of his American diocese had sent the priest on his errand. All he seems to have had was a properly executed passport from the Department of State, a way to reach the Premier in the Kremlin and "a desire to help the church." In any event he was summarily suspended from pastoral duties, silenced and sentenced to stay in a monastery. But before this penalty was applied he sent an explicit apology to his bishop and promised unconditioned submission. The ban was

then lifted. But the effect on his nerves was so severe as to require him to retire from his duties for rest and medical treatment.

The document which he is said to have sent to his bishop is about as completely submissive as anything that has recently come to our notice. As published in an American secular journal, it reads:

"Your Excellency:

"I regret my seeming disregard for the legislation and directives of my church and I hasten to apologize for the lack of respect for ecclesiastical authority which could be inferred from my actions.

"It is now my fixed purpose and promise to cease and separate myself from all activities which are not in accordance with the rule and mind of the Catholic Church.

"I wish also at this time to make known that the Springfield chancery office notified me that my message to the apostolic delegate, which merely contains the two questions and answers already printed in the press of the country, was received at the delegation and that the message will be given due consideration and referred by the apostolic delegate to the proper church authorities.

"REV. STANISLAUS ORLEMANSKI."

At a time when a great war to retain freedom from dictators is in progress in our country, and when the freedom of religious worship is an objective, one is startled by so abject an attitude toward an ecclesiastical superior, for no other crime than following the dictates of his own mind. The kind of tolerance that would be exercised by such authorities as dealt with this priest would not seem worth fighting for. Also briefly visible is the complete submission of the Catholic clergy.

DURING THE WAR ONLY

SPACE was lacking in last week's issue to publish comments on the appearance of governmental control over the church's training of its ministers. It is admitted that direct compulsion has not

yet been employed to control the education of clergymen, but the alternative to submission is action by a man's local draft board by whom he can be ordered to report for induction into the nation's armed forces. In the original declaration, July 1, less than sixty days from the issuance of the order, the regulation was to become effective. And in such language as any experienced dictator might use, Mr. Hershey announced that he had prepared a list of institutions in which registration would be valid. But unless the institution was established and doing business at least a year before 1940, its students would not have title to deferment.

But what in our opinion must definitely compel the churches to place a specific limitation on acceptance of Mr. Hershey's instructions to draft boards is its intrusion into the sphere of religious doctrines. The church for several years has observed with deep anxiety the invasions of secularism sponsored by government into the colleges of the land. Should an effort be made to continue the present policies beyond "the emergency," the people must oppose whatever "civil force" is working to control preparation for the teaching and pastoral office in their churches.

In response to the promptings of patriotism, and especially out of consciousness of the need of religion by those in the nation's armed service, the church has given generously of its pastors to chaplaincies. Its members have volunteered "to keep the home front active." All this is willingly done because our institutions are under attack. But solid support of the war's enterprises must not be interpreted as willingness to militarize the country. We fight to obtain a peace, not a war establishment. Once the enemy has surrendered, we will desire a restoration of the civil liberties of our land and the restriction of military force to the minimum needed to uphold the peace.

Encouragement to Keep on Fighting *By Nathan R. Melhorn*

Paul, by Messenger to Timothy, His Spiritual Son

II Timothy 2: 1-12 and 4: 5-8. Adult Sunday School Scripture for June 18

It is the common assumption among New Testament scholars that Paul's domestic life did not accord with that normal among the Jews. Unlike Peter, into whose home Jesus came to heal his wife's mother, there is no direct evidence that Paul was married. He refers to the Roman citizenship which he inherited from his father, and on one occasion "Paul's sister's son" uncovered to the Roman authorities a plot of certain Jews to kill him while en route from prison to trial. St. Luke's mention of the nephew is evidently intended to indicate a kinsman's interest in Paul's danger.

Separated from Kinfolk

It is highly probable that the apostle's family, including his mother and a wife (if he had one), deemed his conversion to Christianity a ground for disowning their relationships to him. The equivalent to such treatment has occurred many times since the Gospel was proclaimed. In view of Paul's valuation of his Hebrew background, it must have been a great sorrow to him to be called a renegade to the faith of his fathers.

By Way of Replacement

It seems reasonable to conclude that God gave His frequently persecuted and often sorrowful representative a kind of compensation for the alienation visited upon him by kinfolk "after the flesh." His work, performed by means of his "gifts," was the means of attaching a small group of grateful and appreciative souls who welcomed him into their circles and, in at least a few cases, into their homes. This form of "replacement" is not foreign to the divine providence which is bestowed upon persons persecuted for righteousness' sake. Indeed, missionaries in these troubled days find strength and comfort in the spiritual ministrations they enjoy while isolated from those with whom normally they would be in close touch. Illustrations of this "family of faith" are found in missionaries who have worked in areas not now tenable because of the war.

"My Beloved Son"

Among the inner group, as one might call this kinship of the faith, was one young man, Timothy by name, for whom the Apostle developed an affection that is easily perceived by the reader of the Acts and the Epistles of Paul. The intimacy was greatest during the later years of the Apostle's life; but it has no elements of "old age partiality." Timothy had qualification on which to base an elder's estimate.

He had the background of good Hebrew training in a good Hebrew home. He was not converted from a regime of persecution by some sort of crisis, but he came into the faith as the spiritual son of an inspired messenger of the Son of God. He had the modesty justifiable in a youth with reference to elders, but he possessed that discernment of the truth that enabled him to maintain the obligations of his position among young and old, powerful and weak. He had what was needed to take on the continuation of ministerial labors that Paul's release from the fight required.

But, also, he could give a lonely old man the comfort and strength of which affectionate youth has an abundance. It was this fitness to inherit from Paul that is discernible in the epistles we have in our New Testament. Timothy was the Apostle's beloved son, destined to carry on what God had chosen an elder to begin.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

June 12-18

- M. A Sacred Trust. II Timothy 1: 3-14.
- T. Heroic Living. II Timothy 2: 1-13.
- W. God's Workman. II Timothy 2: 14-26.
- Th. A Teacher's Resources. II Timothy 3: 10-16.
- F. The Crown of Righteousness. II Timothy 4: 1-8.
- Sat. A Faithful Prophet. Amos 7: 10-17.
- S. Courageous Apostles. Acts 4: 13-22.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE

By Amos John Traver

Winning the Unchurched—Acts 17:10-12

PAUL and Silas used their Bibles to win converts in Berea. There are many Berean Bible classes appropriately named after that little city. There is power in the Bible to win men to Christ. You cannot argue men into the Kingdom. Reason and logic are not enough. Men do not discover the truth about God by their own wit. This is the reason we have a Bible. God had to come to find us. He had to reveal Himself to us. Christ came to show us God. He was incarnate God, that means, God *in the body*. The Bible is the means that the Holy Spirit uses to help men know Christ and believe in Him.

Use the Bible

To win the unchurched there is no better means than the Book used by Paul and Silas. Remember that Paul and Silas had learned to know Christ through their study of the Scriptures. After Paul's wonderful experience on the Damascus road he went on to Damascus to witness for the Christ he had meant to persecute. He was received reluctantly by the Christians there and then went to Arabia for three years of study and meditation. Paul is recognized as the greatest of all those who have tried to explain Christ to the world. Don't forget those years of study. When Paul came back to preach Christ throughout the Roman Empire he knew what the Scriptures of his people said about Christ.

If we are to win the unchurched, we must begin right there. We ought to know our Bibles better. We must know the Gospels if we are to know Christ. How could we introduce others to a Christ we do not know?

Winsomeness

Our hearts must be in the business of winning others to Christ. There must be a great love of souls. We must feel about these unsaved as Christ felt about them. Anything in our lives that would repulse others must be ruthlessly discarded. We

must be good neighbors first before we can win our neighbors. God's Spirit will not work through an unforgiving, angry, proud, selfish or impure person. You would be surprised to know how many families have been won into your church because a neighbor they had learned to like gave them the invitation. If a good salesman cultivates friendliness, honesty and a willingness to serve, for the sake of business, how much more should we cultivate those virtues for Jesus' sake!

Alertness

We miss opportunities for evangelism every day. A friend, old in the ministry, who still travels a great deal, is always speaking to strangers. He deliberately chooses to sit in the same car seat with them, rather than, as most of us do, to look for a seat alone. Usually the conversation turns to religion and he finds his opportunity to speak for Christ. Perhaps we are even more hesitant about speaking of Christ, or of our church, to those we know best, in home, or office, or shop, or if we are in service, to men who serve in our outfit. Perhaps we think they will call us fanatics and laugh at us. Most of them, on the contrary, will hear us respectfully, and some of them will be happy to accept our invitation to church. Paul found opportunity everywhere and even won Roman soldiers chained to him in prison. If we really love Christ and His Church, we will be alert to every opportunity for witness.

Less than half America is Christian. Don't forget that! If we want our nation to act as a Christian nation we must hurry the business of evangelism. No part of the churches' program is more vital.

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TO LEADERS: Topic date, *June 18*. For plans on evangelism write the Board of Social Missions, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y. Next topic, "*Getting Into Business*."

Summer School for Church Workers

THE program and plans for the annual Summer School for Church Workers sponsored by the synods of South Carolina, Georgia-Alabama, and Florida have been completed. The school will be held at Columbia College, Columbia, S. C., June 25-July 1. The Rev. J. Obert Kempson of Columbia will serve as dean; the Rev. H. D. Kleckley of Saluda, S. C., will be the director; and the Rev. J. Milton Frick of Leesville, S. C., is the registrar. The total cost of the school, including room, board, and registration is \$11. All advance registrations should be sent to the registrar.

Registration at the school is scheduled to begin at 4.00 P. M., Sunday, June 25. The opening service will be at 7.45 P. M. on the campus. The address will be delivered by Dr. M. L. Stirewalt, member of the Lutheran Seminary faculty in Columbia.

The Curriculum

The daily schedule of study, classes, conferences and other meetings, together with the leaders are as follows: *Devotions* by the Rev. Robert F. Shelby, Macon, Ga.; *Bible Hour*—the Rev. John Schmidt, member of the seminary faculty. *Leadership Periods*—"The Church Worker and His Group," the Rev. Henry V. Kahlenberg, St. Petersburg, Fla.; "Christian Youth Building a New World," the Rev. Thos. H. Weeks, Springfield, Ga.; "A Study of the Old Testament," the Rev. C. K. Derrick, Charleston, S. C.; "The Use of Music in Christian Education," the Rev. Fredrick M. Otto, Fremont, Ohio; "Teaching the Christian Growth Series in the Primary Department," Mrs. J. V. Long, Prosperity, S. C.; "Teaching the Christian Growth Series in the Junior Department," Mrs. J. B. Moose of Columbia; "Teaching the Christian Growth Series in the Intermediate Department," Mrs. J. Frank Davis, Augusta, Ga.; "Conference for Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents—Christian Growth Series," Dr. M. L. Stirewalt of Columbia.

"Church Music Period," the Rev. Fredrick M. Otto, with Miss Elizabeth Bischoff of Charleston, S. C., as pianist.

During the second leadership period a

"Pastors' Conference" will be led by Dr. G. Elson Ruff of Philadelphia, Pa.

A daily "conference period" will be held for "Pastors and Laymen," Dr. Ralph H. Long of New York; "Women's Missionary Society," Miss Selma Bergner, Philadelphia, Pa.; "Luther League," the Rev. K. Bruno Neumann, Peoria, Ill.

Daily "Twilight Devotions" will be in charge of the Luther League. Evening lectures by Dr. G. Elson Ruff, Dr. Ralph H. Long, the Rev. Karl W. Kinard of Columbia, S. C. The "Family Altar" daily at 10.15 P. M.

Program for Youth

Theme: "Youth in a World Community." 9 to 9.45 A. M., "Devotions, Bible Study," the Rev. Henry E. Horn, president of Marion College, Marion, Va.; "Luther League Period," the Rev. Joseph W. Frease, Columbus, Ohio; "March of Missions" (ages 12 and 13 years), Mrs. Maben Jones of Columbia, S. C.; "March of Missions" (ages 14-16), Mrs. Albert W. Frey of Augusta, Ga., Mrs. John Miller, Columbia; "Hymn Study," Mrs. Fred H. Parker, Columbia; discussion period, "My Country and I," by the Rev. Henry E. Horn, the Rev. Henry A. McCullough, Jr., of Columbia, the Rev. F. W. Brandt of Charleston, and Miss Mary Wood of Charleston.

Children of the Church

"Study Courses": Nursery and Beginners, "Children and Their Homes Around the World," Mrs. L. O. Dasher, West Columbia; Primary, "My Indian Picture Story Book," Mrs. Murray Counts of Little Mountain, S. C.; Juniors, "Peter of the Mesa," Mrs. L. S. G. Miller, Elberton, Ga. This program for the Children of the Church is for those under twelve years old. In addition to the above, a course for leaders of the Children of the Church will be conducted by Mrs. Counts.

This entire program for the school offers a variety of helpful courses and studies for workers in all departments of church leadership. As indicated, the courses listed provide for the "whole family," the children, the youth, the young people, adult workers, and pastors.

Pennsylvania—Lancaster Conference News

By ALVIN BUTZ

THE study of a long pastorate is an interesting pursuit because it exposes records of pastoral acts and services which reveal the extent of pastoral care given congregations by devoted pastors. So, for example, when the Rev. Allan Trumpeter, pastor of St. Mark's Church in Lancaster, celebrated his fourteenth anniversary as pastor of the congregation, the following list of activities was revealed: a new church was built in 1930, and the debt created thereby has been reduced from \$63,500 to \$13,500. Pastoral calls, 6,500; 206 infant baptisms; 187 confirmations; 65 adult baptisms and confirmations; 114 funerals; 60 marriages; members received by letter and re-profession totaled 137. The communicant membership of the congregation has increased from 150 to 350. During the present pastorate total offerings of \$98,000 were received. The congregation now looks forward to reducing its debt to \$10,000 by the end of the year.

Conference in Session

The one hundred sixty-first annual convention of the Lancaster Conference was held May 2 in St. Michael's Church, Harrisburg, the Rev. Robert L. Koehler, Jr., pastor. Several unusual items made the meeting one to be remembered. First, this will probably have been the last meeting of the Lancaster Conference as a unit of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania and Adjacent States. The meeting of synod is expected to complete negotiations for transfer of congregations of this conference to the Central Pennsylvania Synod—which transfers will be made upon application of individual congregations. Second, because of the call of the president of conference, the Rev. Dr. Harold C. Fry, to a congregation outside of this conference, it was necessary to elect a new president. The Rev. Ernest J. Hoh, pastor of Emmanuel Church in Lancaster and a member of many boards and committees concerning Christian education in the synod and conference, was elected. Other officers were re-elected: Secretary, the Rev. H. R. Middleswarth, Hershey; treasurer, the Rev. W. R. Knerr, Denver; statis-

tician, the Rev. G. R. Deisher, Jonestown.

Vacant congregations now include St. John's, Shiremanstown; Friedens Parish in Myerstown; St. John's, Columbia; Zion, Leacock; and Redeemer-Ascension, Lancaster. Pastor Arnold Spohn, assistant to Dr. A. L. Benner at Grace Church, Lancaster, has enlisted as a chaplain in the Navy. The other assistant pastor of Lancaster, the Rev. Ernst Flothmeier, will soon leave for our Liberia Mission.

The public service, held in the evening, was addressed by the Rev. Dr. O. Frederick Nolde, professor of Christian education in the Philadelphia Seminary.

Miss *Christie Zimmerman*, a missionary of the U. L. C. A. conducted mission schools in various churches of the Ephrata district. Parishes visited included New Holland, Ephrata, Denver, Akron, and Lincoln Parish, the Reamstown Parish, the Muddy Creek Parish, Penryn, Lititz, and Rothsville.

Jerusalem, Rothsville, the Rev. Willard Weida pastor, reports an increase of 10 per cent in membership from October 1943 to May 1944. The 23 members who represent this increase were tendered a reception by the Lutheran Aid Society of the congregation May 3, at which time the Rev. Charles Trunk, pastor of St. Paul's Church in Lititz, was the speaker.

Farewell!

This release will be the farewell to THE LUTHERAN of the present reporter for the Lancaster Conference. He has been called as pastor of Grace Church, York, Pa., a congregation of the Central Pennsylvania Synod. The resignation of Pastor Butz from Redeemer and Ascension churches in Lancaster City is effective as of June 1.

Flash report from World Action chairman, Dr. Henry H. Bagger: as of May 19, with 45 out of 56 congregations reporting thus far, the Lancaster Conference has \$11,152 toward its \$11,744 quota. Quota comparison of the 45 churches reporting shows a combined response of 111.35 per cent to assigned quotas.

New York News—from Queens Borough

By ALFRED H. KRAHMER

As Whitsunday approaches, it is interesting to note that a large number of Queens Lutheran churches use this day for confirmation. The trend in our community is definitely away from the traditional Palm Sunday date. Pastors making the change do so because they believe that Whitsunday is historically a better day for confirmation, that the later date affords more time for instruction, and also provides a means of keeping the church program functioning at "high speed" during the Easter to Pentecost season.

St. Paul's Church, Richmond Hill, the Rev. Carl Toebeke pastor, which paid in

full its Church Extension Loan of \$5,000 to the Board of American Missions last November, voted at its annual meeting to show its gratitude to the Board by establishing a St. Paul's Church Extension Fund of \$1,000, for use in the home mission field of the Long Island Conference. At the same meeting this congregation voted to pay its 1944 apportionment in full.

Anniversaries

Two Queens congregations celebrated anniversaries in May. Trinity Church, Maspeth, the Rev. Austin Bosch pastor, observed its forty-fifth anniversary during the week of May 7. Dr. Ralph Long, executive secretary of the National Lutheran Council, and the Rev. Alfred J. Krahmer, secretary of the Long Island Conference, were the preachers at special anniversary services. A congregational dinner May 11 completed the celebration,

Messiah Church, Flushing, the Rev. Theodore Ressler pastor, marked its twentieth anniversary with a number of events May 21-28. The celebration began with Dr. C. Franklin Koch, executive secretary of the Board of Social Missions, as the preacher on May 21. The Hon. John MacCrate, Justice of the Supreme Court, was the speaker at a banquet May 23. Friday was observed with a social evening to introduce the new members and members of the confirmation class; and the celebration concluded with an anniversary Whitsuntide Communion May 28.

Three of the four newly elected officers of the Long Island Conference are from Queens. The Rev. Joseph Flotten, president, is pastor of Resurrection Church, St. Albans; the vice-president is the Rev. Lauri J. Anderson of Good Shepherd Church, Bellaire; the secretary is the Rev. Alfred J. Krahmer of Grace Church, Forest Hills. Mr. Harry Keiner, St. John's, Richmond Hill, was elected to the Executive Committee.

Queens lost one of its Lutheran pastors for the duration of the war when the Rev. J. St. Clair Bousum, pastor of Bethany,



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Springfield Gardens, for the twenty-one years of his ministry and of the congregation's history, entered the army chaplaincy. Pastor Bousum is on leave of absence, and Dr. Horace Ford Martin, president of Biblical Seminary, Manhattan, is acting as supply pastor in his absence.

Another Queens veteran, Pastor Carl Hirtzel, energetic pastor of the large Covenant Church in Ridgewood, will celebrate forty years in the ministry in June. Though chief pastor of a congregation with more than 1,200 communicants, Pastor Hirtzel finds time to be very active in the affairs of the church at large. A host of friends among the laity and in the ministry salute him as he completes forty years of faithful service in the Kingdom.

Combating Juvenile Delinquency

The Protestant ministers of Queens Village, headed by the Rev. J. Edward Vesper, of Redeemer Church, who is their president, have moved to combat the juvenile delinquency program in their community by arranging for wholesome evening entertainment on Saturday nights for all young people. One of the thirteen churches in the area will be open each Saturday night for the young people to enjoy a social evening under proper supervision and in good environment.

Success in Finances

The success of the annual Every Member Visitation at Good Shepherd Church, Bellaire, the Rev. Lauri J. Anderson pastor, is worth recording, even though it is reported so long after it took place. Setting out for a goal of \$12,000, the pledges totaled \$18,000. Unique in this plan is that the people pledge not by the week, but by the service. Good Shepherd has seventy-three days during the year on which it holds services. The envelope box, therefore, has not fifty-two but seventy-three envelopes, and pledges are made on that basis. The result has been a proportionate increase in most individual pledges.

Another factor in the success of the plan, according to Pastor Anderson, is that before the Visitation began, every member of the council, of the finance committee, and of the canvassing group had made his pledge according to the new system.

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New York, N. Y. At the morning service May 14 Christ Church observed the one hundredth anniversary of Dr. George U. Wenner's birth. Dr. Wenner was born May 17, 1844, near Bethlehem, Pa. He founded Christ Church in a blacksmith shop on East 14th Street in 1868 and served the congregation as its first and only pastor until 1934. Dr. Harry Offerman is the present pastor of the congregation.

Dr. Samuel Trexler, president of the United Synod of New York, preached the anniversary sermon.

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MAY 14 was a day of great rejoicing and thanksgiving at St. Peter's Church, Ottawa, Ontario, as they celebrated the thirtieth anniversary of the dedication of their church and the burning of the final mortgage on the property. Present for the occasion was the Rev. Dr. H. T. Lehmann, president-elect of Waterloo College and Seminary. The services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. Lloyd H. Schaus, with combined senior and junior choirs under the direction of Mr. G. Thomas Perry.

Dr. Lehmann's messages were received with wide acclaim by the large congregations which filled the church as he preached in the morning on the theme, "Building the City of God," and in the evening on, "A Growing Church."

Some fifteen members were present at the services who had witnessed the dedication thirty years ago.

The burning of the mortgage marked the end of a long and arduous struggle for the people of St. Peter's. The enthusiasm with which the church was excited and dedicated in 1914 was soon dispelled by increasing indebtedness and dwindling membership. Brief pastorates and long vacancies helped to aggravate the situation. In 1919 there was a debt on the property of \$12,000. During the pastorates of L. M. McCreery, Albert W. Lotz and the present incumbent the debt on the church was gradually reduced. In January 1944 a canvass of the entire congregation was made single-handed by Mr. Linden Shannette for the purpose of eliminating the indebtedness, with the result that more than enough was raised to retire the debt. Therefore, when on this anniversary day, representatives of the various organizations of the congregation presented themselves before the altar for the burning of the mortgage, it was Mr. Shannette who was given the honor of igniting the symbol of indebtedness.

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Death of Wilbert S. Miller

MAY 18 death called Wilbert S. Miller from this earthly life. He was an active churchman, not only in the many activities of Edgwood Lutheran Church, Wheeling, W. Va., but also in the church at large. At the time of his death he was serving as a trustee of the National Lutheran Home for the Aged, Washington, D. C., and director of Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio. The Wheeling congregation, the Synod of West Virginia and the U. L. C. A. has lost a faithful layman.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Ruth Snyder Miller; three daughters, Flora, Marian and Ruth, all at home; two sons, Cpl. Frank R. Miller, Smyrna Army Air Base, near Nashville, Tenn., and Officer's Candidate Wilbert W. Miller of Ft. Benning, Georgia.

The funeral was conducted at his late home in Wheeling, by his pastor, the Rev. Roy J. Meyer. Interment took place in beautiful Greenwood Cemetery, Wheeling.
 R. J. M.

The Winona Summer School of Missions will be held June 22-28 at Westminster Hotel and Missions Home, Winona Lake, Ind. The mission study themes will be, "The American Indian" and "Southeast Asia." Dr. Joseph Sittler, Jr., professor at the Chicago Lutheran Theological Seminary at Maywood, Ill., will be the speaker Sunday morning.

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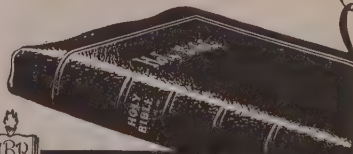
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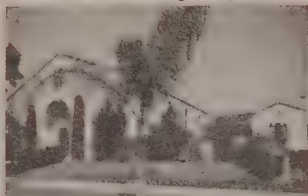


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A Story of Progress

TRINITY CHURCH, Akron, Ohio, recently celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of *Franklin Clark Fry, D.D.*, as its pastor with an impressive observance. May 1 the congregation held a reception in honor of Pastor and Mrs. Fry. Greetings were brought from the Protestant clergy of the city and from representatives of the civic life of Akron. The principal speaker was *Frederick R. Knubel, D.D.*, pastor of the Church of the Reformation, Rochester, N. Y. Members of the congregation presented war bonds to Dr. Fry and a Swiss watch to Mrs. Fry as expressions of their good will for their faithful devotion to the church locally and nationally. A special service of worship was held Sunday, May 7. The guest preacher was *Dr. Charles M. Cooper* of the faculty of the Philadelphia Seminary, who had served as assistant pastor of Trinity Church in Akron.

During Dr. Fry's pastorate the congregation has had a phenomenal growth. Nine hundred sixty baptisms have been entered on the parish register in that time. By an unusual coincidence, exactly the same number of confirmations have been reported. There have been 453 marriages and 569 funerals. The baptized membership has increased from 1,947 to 2,658; the confirmed membership has risen from 1,312 to 2,116; the communing membership has increased from 1,075 to 1,881.

The vigorous spiritual condition of the parish has been accompanied by excellent financial progress. During the present pastorate \$385,070 has been disbursed for current expenses; benevolence contributions, \$147,399. Trinity Church has never failed to pay its apportionment, and in recent years has paid in excess. During the past fifteen years the indebtedness on the church property, which stood at \$36,762, has been completely liquidated.

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The lecturers announced are A. E. Haefner, Wartburg College; O. H. Pannkoke, Wittenberg; H. C. Leupold, Capital University; J. C. Mattes, Wartburg; A. D. Mattson, Augustana; Pastor A. N. Rogness, Norwegian congregation; Pastor G. B. Arbaugh, Milwaukee; Major N. M. Ylvisaker, Minneapolis; Pastor F. W. Otterbein, Chicago; A. S. Burgess, S. Salzmann, President J. Bodensiek, E. J. Braulick and A. H. Jahr, all of Wartburg.



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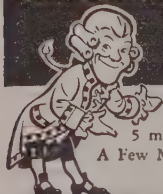
The death of Dr. M. Reu, who inaugurated the Academy, is noted with proper regret. The number of lecturers from Wartburg no doubt reflects travel difficulties. Pastors Otterbein and Arbaugh are of the United Lutheran Church.

The Rev. William F. Goetz, Wartburg Seminary, Dubuque, Iowa, should be addressed by those seeking information about rates and reservations.

Congregations

Augsburg Church, Chicago, Ill., the Rev. D. E. Bosserman pastor, received a check for \$1,000 from the estate of Theodore Pfafflin, who was a faithful member of the congregation and was particularly interested in the work of the church. The money was given for whatever use the congregation desires to make of it. The council has tentatively agreed to use it for building a new church entrance.

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Augsburg has had a splendid year, and is happy over the fact that it is now a 100 per cent congregation in the payment of benevolence apportionment.

Trinity Church, Chicago Heights, Ill., burned the mortgage on the church property April 19, eight years ahead of schedule. Pastor J. Bannen Swope was liturgist, and President A. W. Weng of the Illinois Synod preached the sermon.

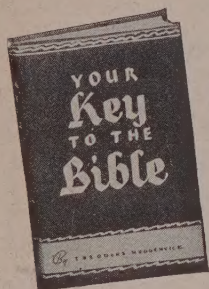
Trinity Church was organized in 1910. Pastor Swope has ministered to the congregation since 1915. The property, consisting of church and parsonage, is located on a main street a short distance from the business district and is well suited to this congregation of 500 confirmed members and a church school of 350.

Milwaukee, Wis. Unity Church, the Rev. R. L. Boulton pastor, celebrated the congregation's thirteenth anniversary and the pastor's tenth year at Unity, by the establishment of a Ministerial Student Foundation to aid worthy young men of the congregation in college and seminary who are preparing for the ministry. The sum of \$500 has been guaranteed for the first year. This congregation, organized in 1931, now has 1,100 baptized and 700 confirmed members, a \$40,000 church dedicated in 1940, and a \$7,000 parsonage built in 1942. The assistant to the pastor is Senior Student Clarence C. Bachmann of the Chicago Seminary, a son of this congregation.

Mt. Holly Springs, Pa. This active congregation has made much progress under the leadership of Pastor Robert M. Wise. Many service men have attended the services during the past year. The parsonage has become the social hub for the members of the congregation and for service men home on furlough or located in this vicinity.

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sonage, and interior decoration and renovation of the Sunday school and church auditoriums, are some of the contemplated changes. A class of adults was received into membership at Easter, and another group has been gathered for later reception. The congregation is looking forward to its seventy-fifth anniversary.

Philadelphia, Pa. Joy reigned among the members of Immanuel Church on the Sunday after Easter when it was learned that the Lenten Sacrifice Offering had exceeded the goal set, \$4,000. Of this amount \$1,000 will be used to liquidate the mortgage on the parsonage, and the remainder will be applied to the indebtedness on the church, which is now \$33,000.

Miss Mae Rohlf's was the guest speaker at the Mother and Daughter dinner May eighteenth.

The Rev. Richard C. Klick is pastor of this congregation.

THERE were only a few vacant seats in St. Paul's Church, Spring Grove, Pa., on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of

the pastorate of the Rev. Ralph C. Robinson. Mr. Robinson was commissioned a chaplain in the U. S. Navy Reserve December 23, 1942, and has served overseas since January 7, 1943. The anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. Carl R. Simon of York, Pa., a close personal friend of Chaplain Robinson. He extended to the members of St. Paul's words of greeting and thanks for the years of fellowship together and a prayer for a continuation of the relationship between pastor and people.

The Rev. Richard C. Wolf, supply pastor of St. Paul's, conducted the service, which in its entirety was recorded and will be sent to Chaplain Robinson.

This congregation contributed \$1,000 toward Lutheran World Action.

Dr. F. W. Otterbein, pastor of the North Austin Lutheran Church, Chicago, Ill., was at Warren, Ohio, as speaker for the city-wide observance of National Family Week, May 9. He addressed the Ministerial Association at the regular morning meeting and spoke to the Council of Church



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The synodical banquet in charge of the Women's Missionary Society will be held Tuesday, June 13, at 7.30 P. M.

Robert E. Van Deusen, Sec.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The sixteenth annual convention of the *Women's Missionary Society of the Synod of Florida* will be held in St. John's Church, Jacksonville, Fla., C. F. G. Krueger, D.D., pastor, June 12-14. The convention will join with the meeting of synod for the Service of Holy Communion on the evening of June 12.

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LUTHER LEAGUE CONVENTION

The *Luther League of the Kentucky-Tennessee Synod* will hold its annual convention June 30 and July 1 at Calvary Church, Louisville 5, Ky., Clayton A. Robertson, D.D., pastor. The convention will open at 2.30 P. M., June 30.

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INNER MISSION RETREAT

The annual *Inner Mission Conference and Retreat* under the auspices of the Board of Inner Missions of the Ministerium of Pennsylvania will be held Wednesday and Thursday, June 28 and 29, on the grounds of the Lankenau School, 3201 West School Lane, Philadelphia. Outstanding leaders will conduct discussion groups. The Rev. William R. Seaman, S.T.D., will be the chaplain and conduct the Retreat. Reservations may be made at 1228 Spruce St.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Baughman

Elizabeth M. Baughman, widow of the late George W. Baughman, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Harry B. Fogle, at Uniontown, Md., May 8, aged eighty years. Mrs. Baughman was the daughter of the late Alexander and Elizabeth Schafhirt of Pennsylvania. Her husband, the Rev. George W. Baughman, passed away twenty-four years ago. Mrs. Baughman has lived a full and useful life, and was very active in the Lutheran Church. For a number of years she served as the president of the Maryland Synodical Missionary Society and from 1920 to 1931, she served as the business manager of *Lutheran Woman's Work*, the official magazine of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church. Mrs. Baughman, in addition to her other activities, was an able pastor's wife and was thoroughly interested in deaconess work. She was a member of St. Paul's Church, Uniontown, Md. She had been in declining health for some time.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Harry B. Fogle, Uniontown, with whom she made her home; one son, Harry F. Baughman, D.D., professor of Homiletics at Gettysburg Theological Seminary; one granddaughter, Mrs. Howard West of Baltimore; one grandson, Peter

F. Baughman of Gettysburg; and one great-grandson, Howard Barton West of Baltimore. Funeral services were held from her late residence May 12. The services were in charge of her pastor, the Rev. George E. Bowersox, Jr. Dr. A. R. Wentz, president of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, assisted at the service, and spoke concerning "The Victory of Faith." G. E. B.

Mrs. Paul J. Hoh

Anna Moldenke Hoh, wife of the Rev. Dr. Paul J. Hoh of the faculty of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, Pa., died at her home in Mt. Airy May 19. Seriously ill for several years, she had within the last year enjoyed a remarkable renewal of health and strength only to be stricken again some weeks before death came to relieve her suffering. Her father was the late Richard Moldenke. Her mother, Mrs. Anna Heins Moldenke, survives her, along with two brothers, Richard and Edel; her husband, and her son, Philip, a student at the seminary.

Funeral services were held in the Church of the Ascension at the seminary, in charge of Henry H. Bagger, D.D., Tuesday morning, May 23, after which interment was made in the Kensico Cemetery, New York. With her passing, a gentle Christian spirit has gone home to God. H. H. B.

RESOLUTIONS

Clarence E. Snyder

Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to take out of time into eternity our co-laborer and friend, Clarence E. Snyder, and

Whereas it is only fitting and just that a suitable recognition of his many deeds of Christlikeness had made us conscious of the grace of God, and

Whereas, his leadership in our church and congregation has instilled in us a love of mankind, led us to a zeal to carry on in the Name of Christ and given us an insight into the whole work of the whole Church.

Therefore be it resolved, that we render thanks and praise to our Father in heaven for the twenty-five years of Christian service he rendered as president and member of our St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council, Utica, N. Y., and for his leadership as president of the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Home, Clinton, N. Y., for his work on the Board of American Missions, and for his labors as president of the Central Conference Brotherhood and for the many labors of love that he completed for the Church he loved and served so faithfully.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be read at our church service, sent to the local newspapers, given to his family, sent to the president of our synod and published in THE LUTHERAN.

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Fedderson-Lindstrom. May 6 in the Pillsbury Memorial Chapel of the Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn., the Rev. Nels K. Fedderson and Susan Lindstrom were married. President R. H. Gerberding of the Synod of the Northwest officiated, and the Rev. C. H. Bartsch, pastor of the bride, administered the Holy Communion. Mr. Fedderson is pastor of the Richfield Church. Mrs. Fedderson has been active in the Lake of the Isles and Holy Trinity churches and is well known in Luther League, Seminary Auxiliary, Sunday school and Women's Missionary Society circles.

Kuhns-Buttermore. Chaplain Logan L. Kuhns and Miss Ada Buttermore were married at the church of the bride at Perryopolis, Pa., April 27. The bride is a graduate of California State Teachers' College in California, Pa., and was a teacher in the junior high schools of Fayette County. Chaplain Kuhns was a former pastor of Hope Memorial Church, Smithton, Pa., but has been on active duty as an army chaplain for three years.



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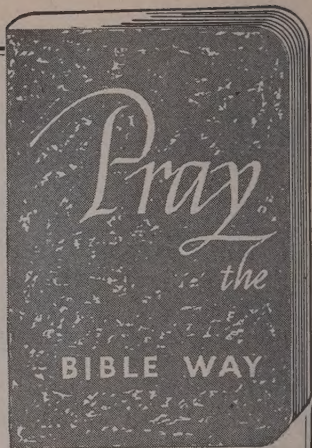
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